

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Official Action of May 25, 2004.

It is noted that the requirement for restriction has been made final and, therefore, applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The title of the application has been changed to "Process of Making a Thermoplastic Container", as suggested by the Examiner.

The indication that the subject matter of Claim 5 is allowable is noted with appreciation. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the feature of Claim 5 and, therefore, it is believed that Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are now allowable since these claims incorporate the combination of original Claim 1 and original Claim 5. In view of the foregoing amendment, applicants believe that the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by the Japanese Document 101 46 884-A is rendered moot.

Claims 3 and 9 have been rewritten as independent claims and applicants respectfully submit that these claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the Japanese reference JP-10146884-A (*Shinetsu*). Applicants note that the truncated conical shape or truncated pyramid shape as the bottom shape of the cavity as recited in Claim 3 is not shown or suggested in the cited reference.

Furthermore, that the annular planar area is adjacent to the convex shape area and surrounding the convex shape area on the bottom of the cavity, as now recited in Claim 9, is

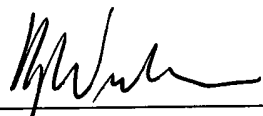
neither shown nor suggested by the cited reference. Consequently, applicants respectfully submit that Claims 3 and 9 are patentable in view of the cited reference.

Claims 6 and 16 have been amended to correct a spelling error. No new matter is presented.

Favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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